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**FORMER SOUTH SACRAMENTO YOUTH FOOTBALL COACH**  
**SENTENCED FOR SELLING COCAINE BASE**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that BRYAN HILLIARD, 36, of Sacramento, California was sentenced today by United States District Judge William B. Shubb to 6 years in prison. The defendant pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute cocaine base, and distribution of cocaine base on October 19, 2005.

This case is the product of an investigation by the DEA.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Segal, who prosecuted the case, Judge Shubb, in sentencing the defendant, observed that HILLIARD had coached children, had a lawful job for the city of Sacramento and had been involved in his community. Nonetheless, Judge Shubb reasoned HILLIARD had also distributed narcotics in that same community. The Judge said that federal law provides for lengthy sentences for cocaine base trafficking, and a 6-year sentence was necessary in order to reflect the seriousness of HILLIARD's crime, promote respect for the law, protect the public, and deter others from selling cocaine base.

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